

REMARKS

Claims 1-41 remain pending in the present application.

The 35 U.S.C. §102(a) Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 6-10, 14, 15, 18, 23, 28 and 37-41 and stand rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by the book entitled "NETCENTRIC AND CLIENT/SERVER COMPUTING A PRACTICAL GUIDE" by Mark Goodyear; Hugh W. Ryan; Scott R. Sargent; Stanton J. Taylor; Timothy M. Boudreau; Yannis S. Arvanitis; Richard A. Chang; John K. Kaltenmark; Nancy K. Mullen; Shari L. Dove; Michael C. Davis; John C. Clark; and Craig Mindrum (hereinafter referred to as "The Book.") Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections, because Applicant has previously established a date of invention prior to the publication date of "The Book."

The Book was published on December 18, 1998 as submitted in the office action response mailed on November 17, 2003. U.S. Provisional Patent Application serial No. 60/156,962, from which the present application takes priority, was filed less than one year later on October 1, 1999. Applicant has previously filed on January 16, 2004 a response that includes a declaration of Applicant Stanton J. Taylor. A copy of the January 16, 2004 response is attached as Exhibit A.

The Declaration is a Declaration of Prior Invention in the United States to Overcome Cited Prior Art pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.131. The Declaration was executed on January 16, 2004 and declares that the date of conception of the invention embodied in claims 1-41 of the present application can be established at least as early as December 18, 1998. (see items 3 – 7 of The Declaration). Thus, the Declaration establishes a date of invention of the subject matter described in Claims 1-41 that antedates The Book. Accordingly, Applicant has previously provided a showing of facts of sufficient character and weight in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.131(b) to establish conception of the invention prior to the publication date of The Book. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1, 2, 6-10, 14, 15, 18, 23, 28 and 37-41 as anticipated by The Book.

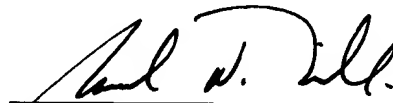
The 35 U.S.C. 103(a) Claim Rejections

Claims 3-5, 11-13, 19-21 and 24-27 stand rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious in view of The Book and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,956,400 to Chaum et al. (hereinafter "Chaum").

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection because a date of conception of the invention has been established that antedates The Book. Since all of the limitations provided in Claims 3-5, 11-13, 19-21 and 24-27 are not taught, suggested or disclosed by Chaum, a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established and Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a) of Claims 3-5, 11-13, 19-21 and 24-27.

Applicant believes that all the present pending claims of this application are allowable and respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance for this application indicating the same. In the event a telephone conversation would help expedite the prosecution/allowance of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (317) 636-0886.

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Enclosures – Exhibit A – Response filed January 16, 2004

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